



THE BEAT

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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS

JUNEAU PREPARES FOR CHALLENGES OF OFFICE

Missoulian

MISSOULA - Denise Juneau, the newly elected Montana superintendent of public instruction, is assembling a transition team as she prepares to take the top position in the state's K-12 public school system.

GAO CALLS TRUST FUND KEY ISSUE FOR INTERIOR

Missoulian

MISSOULA - As Native America anxiously awaits a presidential appointment to the Interior Department, a congressional watchdog agency has told President-elect Barack Obama's transition team that Indian trust fund reform is a key issue before the department.

MISSOULA COMPANY SELECTED TO BUILD NATIVE CAMPUS CENTER

Missoulian

A Missoula contractor has been named to build a multimillion-dollar, first-of-its-kind Native campus center at the University of Montana, with construction slated to begin next week.

TRIBAL OFFICIALS TO BE SWORN IN

Billings Gazette

Newly elected Northern Cheyenne tribal officials will be sworn in on Monday.

The events begin at 9 a.m. with a parade on Cheyenne Avenue in Lame Deer. Inaugural ceremonies will follow at the Charging Horse Casino. Activities include prayer, traditional Cheyenne songs, speakers and a feast.

DIABETES CURRICULUM LAUNCHED

Billings Gazette

A diabetes-prevention curriculum designed and tested on American Indian reservations, including sites in Montana, could be adopted by more than 1,000 schools across the nation.

RETURNING MARINE HONORED BY TRIBE

Billings Gazette

Sgt. Tyson Two Two stood on a war blanket provided by his family, a traditional Northern Cheyenne Tribe war bonnet perfectly complementing his dress blues, as drummers and singers welcomed him home.



Francis Limpy performs a cleansing ceremony for Sgt. Tyson Two Two on his return home from Iraq at the Billings Logan International Airport Saturday, November 8, 2008. CASEY RIFFE/Gazette Staff

CLOWNS DONATE TO FOUNDATION

Billings Gazette

William Snell Jr., president of the Pretty Shield Foundation, says that "humor is a way we open doors with children."



BOB ZELLAR/Gazette Staff
Skiddles the clown laughs with Pretty Shield Foundation's William Snell Jr. after she put a paper clown nose on Snell on Thursday. Skiddles was at the foundation to help deliver more than \$2,000 in donations from Clown Alley

SIGNS TO TELL THE TALE OF TRIBE'S PATH

Great Falls Tribune

LEWISTOWN — Once the tribe's ancestral hunting grounds, Lewistown and the Judith Basin could become the eastern gateway of the Nez Perce Trail.

CSKT HONES ENERGY FUTURE

Charkoosta News

PABLO — The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes landed a \$200,000 grant recently dedicated to enhancing CSKTs vision and role as an active player in the energy market.



CSKT Councilman Steve Lozar was appointed to the Department of Interior Energy Policy Advisory Committee. (courtesy photo)

CSKT CHRISTMAS TREES DESTINED FOR THE NATION'S CAPITOL

Char-Koosta News

RONAN — The spirits of the ancestors of the Salish, Kootenai and Pend d'Oreille people will be embodied in the dozen Christmas trees that the Flathead Nation is sending to Washington, D.C. as part of the 2008 Capitol Christmas Tree effort.

EMPLOYMENT



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COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

MSU Center for Native Health Partnership
Center for Native Health Partnerships-MSU is seeking a Community Organizer, 0.5 FTE for Northern Cheyenne Reservation.

Call 1-866-746-3151 for more information.
For complete vacancy announcement and application procedure go to:
<http://www.montana.edu/cgi-bin/msuinfo/fpview/p/9813-3>

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EVENTS & TRAINING

CROW ARTISTS BOOKED FOR NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL

CrowNews.net

[Here](#) is an article by Jeni Dodd of the Great Falls Tribune that looks forward to the National Folk Festival, to be held in Butte from July 11-13. Festival organizers are anticipating the largest number of Native American exhibitors they have ever had. Crow names include: Birdie Real Bird, Jerome Hugs Jr. and Allen Knows His Gun.

For more information about the festival, visit www.nationalfolkfestival.com

GRANTS & OPPORTUNITIES

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY-

FEMA - FISCAL YEAR 2009 OPERATION

STONEGARDEN (OPSG) - Closing Date: March 20, 2009

38 States - Eligible applicants under the FY 2009 OPSG are local units of government at the county level and Federally-recognized tribal governments in the States bordering Canada (including Alaska), southern States bordering Mexico, and States and territories with International water borders.

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/index.shtm>

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY -

FEMA - Fiscal Year 2009 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

Closing Date: March 20, 2009

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/index.shtm>

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

SMALL GRANTS TO LIBRARIES - LINCOLN: THE CONSTITUTION AND THE CIVIL WAR

Closing Date: Jan. 30, 2009

http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/SGL_Lincoln.html

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

Humanities Initiatives at Tribal Colleges and Universities Modification 1

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=43336>

FESTIVAL AND EVENT FUNDING AVAILABLE

The Special Events Grant Program (SEGP) has undergone some changes that will allow more Montana festivals and events to apply for funding.

SEGP has \$80,000 to award to nonprofit organizations that stage events. The funding is intended to boost the organization's ability to market and promote their event to visitors outside a 100-mile radius of the event site. "The changes we have made in the grant program will give event organizers some added financial strength when placing advertising in regional and national media," said Administrator Betsy Baumgart. "We want to encourage visitors to enjoy our state's culture and history and spend an extra few days interacting with our residents."

By targeting visitors from outside a 100-mile radius of the event, Travel Montana anticipates communities should see a positive economic impact from event-goers spending extra time in the area.

The SEGP overview and application is available after October 8th at www.travelmontana.mt.gov/forms or by contacting Carol Crockett, 406-841-2796, ccrockett@mt.gov. The grant deadline is December 12, 2008.